IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

by D. MICHAEL FISHER,

Attorney General,

Plaintiff

v. : No. 390M.D. 2003

ROBERT A. GORDON CIGARETTE CO.,

Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFEND

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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COMPLAINT

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This is an action to enforce the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act of 2000 (hereafter "TSAA"), 35 P.S. §5671, et seq., which requires tobacco companies whose cigarettes are sold in Pennsylvania to either join the Master Settlement Agreement or establish and fund an escrow account for the benefit of the Commonwealth based on the number of cigarettes sold within the state.
- 2. Cigarettes manufactured by Robert A. Gordon Cigarette Co. (hereafter "Robert Gordon") have been sold in Pennsylvania subsequent to the passage of the TSAA. Robert Gordon has neither joined the MSA nor adequately funded an escrow account as required by the TSAA. Moreover, it has failed to fulfill its statutory obligations despite being put on notice of those obligations through letters from the Office of Attorney General.
- 3. A tobacco manufacturer's failure to comply with the TSAA can result in civil penalties, imposition of attorney fees and costs, and a prohibition on the sale of its cigarettes

within the Commonwealth. See 35 P.S. §5674. In this suit, the Commonwealth seeks those sanctions against Robert Gordon for its willful and knowing violations of the TSAA for sales in the years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through its Attorney General, D. Michael Fisher. It is authorized to bring this action pursuant to 35 P.S. §5674(c).
- 5. Defendant, Robert Gordon, is a corporation with a principal place of business at 4005 Maple Grove Road, Stillwater, Pennsylvania, 17878.

JURISDICTION

6. The Court has jurisdiction over original actions brought by the Commonwealth government pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. §761(c).

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

7. On November 23, 1998, leading United States tobacco product manufacturers entered into the MSA with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In return for a release of past, present and certain future claims, the MSA obligates these manufacturers to pay substantial sums to the Commonwealth (tied in part to their volume of sales); to fund a national foundation devoted to educating consumers about the dangers of tobacco use; and to make substantial changes in their advertising and marketing practices and corporate culture.

- 8. Not every tobacco product manufacturer is a party to the MSA. Recognizing this, the General Assembly enacted the TSAA to ensure the Commonwealth a source of funds for recovery should those manufacturers be found liable for damages caused by their cigarettes and to preclude those companies that do not join from gaining a substantial short term cost-advantage over MSA participants. See 35 P.S. §5672(6).
- 9. Under the TSAA, a tobacco product manufacturer that sells cigarettes after June 22, 2000, must either become a MSA participant or deposit a specific amount of money into a qualified escrow fund based on Pennsylvania sales of its cigarettes as measured by excise tax collections. *See* 35 P.S. §\$5673, 5674(a).
- 10. Each tobacco product manufacturer depositing funds into an escrow fund must also annually certify to the Attorney General that it has complied with that statutory provision. The escrow deposits and Certifications of Compliance are due on or before April 15th of the following year. See 35 P.S. §5674(a)(2).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Robert Gordon is a tobacco product manufacturer under the TSAA. It has not become a participating manufacturer in the MSA.
- 12. The Robert Gordon cigarette brands sold in Pennsylvania during 2000, 2001 and 2002 were "Chapparal", "Signal", "Charro", "Madison", "Quest", "Johnny/Nancy" and "R.A.G."

2000 SALES

- 13. From June 22, 2000 through December 31, 2000, 1,520,780 Robert Gordon brand cigarettes were sold in Pennsylvania. Based on those sales, Robert Gordon was required to deposit \$16,957.61 by April 15, 2001 in a qualified escrow fund for the benefit of Pennsylvania. See 35 P.S. §5674(a)(2)(i).
- 14. By letters dated June 11, July 13, August 17 and September 4, 2001, the Commonwealth repeatedly told Robert Gordon that it had to fully fund a qualified escrow for the sales in 2000 and also pay penalties and costs for the TSSA violation. Attached as Exhibit A are true and exact copies of these letters.
- 15. On October 4, 2001 Robert Gordon filed a Certificate of Compliance with Pennsylvania for the sale of its cigarettes in the year 2000. The certificate stated that \$8,000.00 was placed into escrow for those sales. A qualified escrow agreement did not accompany the Certification of Compliance. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and exact copy of the Certification of Compliance.

2001 SALES

- 16. In the year 2001, 2, 165,000 Robert Gordon brand cigarettes were sold in Pennsylvania.
- 17. Based on those sales, Robert Gordon was required to deposit \$32,324.75 by April 15, 2002 in a qualified escrow fund for the benefit of Pennsylvania. See 35 P.S.

§5674(a)(2)(ii).

- 18. On March 1, 2002 counsel for Robert Gordon sent the Commonwealth a letter stating that Robert Gordon was discontinuing the marketing of cigarettes in Pennsylvania and that Robert Gordon was not in a position to "participate in the Pennsylvania escrow fund." Attached as Exhibit C is a true and exact copy of the letter.
- 19. On March 28, 2002 the Commonwealth again notified Robert Gordon of its statutory duty to establish a qualified escrow account for the sale of its cigarettes in Pennsylvania for the years 2000 and 2001. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and exact copy of the letter.
- 20. On July 8, 2002 Robert Gordon notified the Commonwealth that an additional \$8,000.00 had been deposited into an escrow account. This notice was not accompanied by a copy of a qualified escrow account. Attached as Exhibit E is a true and exact copy of that notice.
- 21. Robert Gordon has not filed a certificate of compliance nor funded a qualified escrow account for its sales in Pennsylvania during the year 2001.

2002 SALES

- 22. In the year 2002, 330,000 Robert Gordon brand cigarettes were sold in Pennsylvania.
- 23. Based on those sales, Robert Gordon was required to deposit \$5,074.91 by April 15, 2003, in a qualified escrow fund for the benefit of Pennsylvania. *See* 35 P.S.

\$5674(a)(2)(iii).

- 24. On March 20, 2003 the Commonwealth sent a letter to Robert Gordon notifying Robert Gordon of its statutory duty to establish a qualified escrow account for the sale of its cigarettes in Pennsylvania for the year 2002. Attached as Exhibit F is a true and exact copy of the letter.
- 25. Robert Gordon has not filed a certificate of compliance or escrowed funds for the sale of its product in Pennsylvania in the year 2002.

COUNT I

VIOLATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT FOR CIGARETTES SOLD IN 2000

- 26. Paragraphs 1 through 25 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 27. Robert Gordon violated Section 5674 of the TSAA when it failed to deposit \$16,957.61 by April 15, 2001 in a qualified escrow fund for the benefit of Pennsylvania based on its cigarette sales in Pennsylvania during the 2000.
- 28. A tobacco product manufacturer that fails to deposit the proper amount in a qualified escrow fund may be assessed a civil penalty of up to five percent (5%) of the amount improperly withheld from escrow for each day of the violation until the amount of the penalty equals one hundred percent (100%) of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow that year. See 35 P.S. §5674(c)(1). Robert Gordon has been in violation of the

TSAA for more than twenty days and is therefore subject to the maximum penalty of one hundred percent (100%).

WHEREFORE, the Commonwealth prays that:

- a. the Court find and declare that Robert Gordon is in violation of the TSAA;
- b. the Court enter an order requiring Robert Gordon to deposit \$16,957.61 in a qualified escrow fund within fifteen (15) days;
- c. Robert Gordon be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$16,957.61;
- d. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees; and
- e. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

COUNT II

KNOWING VIOLATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT FOR CIGARETTES SOLD IN 2000

- 29. Paragraphs 1 through 28 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 30. Robert Gordon had notice of its statutory obligation to timely deposit \$16,957.61 into a qualified escrow fund based on the sale of its products in Pennsylvania in the year 2000 yet failed to do so.
- 31. A tobacco product manufacturer that knowingly violates the TSAA may be assessed a civil penalty of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount improperly withheld from escrow for each day of the violation until the amount of the penalty equals three hundred percent (300%) of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow for that

year. See 35 P.S. §5674(c)(2). Robert Gordon has been in violation of the TSAA for more than twenty days and is therefore subject to the maximum penalty of three hundred percent (300%).

WHEREFORE, the Commonwealth prays that:

- a. the Court find and declare that Robert Gordon knowingly violated the TSAA;
- b. the Court enter an order requiring Robert Gordon to come into compliance with the TSAA by depositing \$16,957.61 into a qualified escrow fund within fifteen (15) days;
- c. Robert Gordon be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$50,872.83;
- d. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees; and
- e. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

COUNT III

VIOLATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT FOR CIGARETTES SOLD IN 2001

- 32. Paragraphs 1 through 31 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 33. Robert Gordon violated Section 5674 of the TSAA when it failed to deposit \$32,324.75 by April 15, 2002 in a qualified escrow fund for the benefit of Pennsylvania based on its cigarette sales in Pennsylvania during the year 2001.
- 34. A tobacco product manufacturer that fails to deposit the proper amount in a qualified escrow fund may be assessed a civil penalty of up to five percent (5%) of the

amount improperly withheld from escrow for each day of the violation until the amount of the penalty equals one hundred percent (100%) of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow that year. See 35 P.S. §5674(c)(1). Robert Gordon has been in violation of the TSAA for more than twenty days and is therefore subject to the maximum penalty of one hundred percent (100%).

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- c. Robert Gordon be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$32,324.75;
- d. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees; and
- e. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

COUNT IV

KNOWING VIOLATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT FOR CIGARETTES SOLD IN 2001

- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 36. Robert Gordon had notice of its statutory obligation to timely deposit \$32,324.75 into a qualified escrow fund based on the sale of its products in Pennsylvania in the year 2001 yet failed to do so.
 - 37. A tobacco manufacturer that knowingly violates the TSAA may be assessed a.

civil penalty of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount improperly withheld from escrow for each day of the violation until the amount of the penalty equals three hundred percent (300%) of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow for that year. See 35 P.S. \$5674(c)(2). Robert Gordon has been in violation of the TSAA for more than twenty days and is therefore subject to the maximum penalty of three hundred percent (300%).

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- a. the Court find and declare that Robert Gordon knowingly violated the TSAA;
- b. the Court enter an order requiring Robert Gordon to come into compliance with the TSAA by depositing \$32,324.75 into a qualified escrow fund within fifteen (15) days;
- c. Robert Gordon be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$96,974.25;
- d. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees; and
- e. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

COUNT V

VIOLATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT FOR CIGARETTES SOLD IN 2002

- 38. Paragraphs 1 through 37 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 39. Robert Gordon violated Section 5674 of the TSAA when it failed to deposit \$5,074.91 by April 15, 2003 in a qualified escrow fund for the benefit of Pennsylvania based on its cigarette sales in Pennsylvania during the year 2002.
 - 40. A tobacco product manufacturer that fails to deposit the proper amount in a

qualified escrow fund may be assessed a civil penalty of up to five percent (5%) of the amount improperly withheld from escrow for each day of the violation until the amount of the penalty equals one hundred percent (100%) of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow that year. See 35 P.S. §5674(c)(1). Robert Gordon has been in violation of the TSAA for more than twenty days and is therefore subject to the maximum penalty of one hundred percent (100%).

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- c. Robert Gordon be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,074.91;
- d. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees; and
- e. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

COUNT VI

KNOWING VIOLATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT FOR CIGARETTES SOLD IN 2002

- 41. Paragraphs 1 through 40 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 42. Robert Gordon had notice of its statutory obligation to timely deposit \$5,074.91 into a qualified escrow fund based on the sale of its products in Pennsylvania in the year 2002 yet failed to do so.
 - 43. A tobacco manufacturer that knowingly violates the TSAA may be assessed a

civil penalty of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount improperly withheld from escrow for each day of the violation until the amount of the penalty equals three hundred percent (300%) of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow for that year. See 35 P.S. \$5674(c)(2). Robert Gordon has been in violation of the TSAA for more than twenty days and is therefore subject to the maximum penalty of three hundred percent (300%).

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- b. the Court enter an order requiring Robert Gordon to come into compliance with the TSAA by depositing \$5,074.91 into a qualified escrow fund within fifteen (15) days;
- c. Robert Gordon be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,224.72;
- d. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees; and
- e. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

COUNT VII

THREE KNOWING VIOLATIONS OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT

- 44. Paragraphs 1 through 43 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 45. Robert Gordon has committed three knowing violations of the TSAA by failing either to become a participating manufacturer or to timely deposit sufficient funds into an escrow fund for the sale of its cigarettes in Pennsylvania in the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, when it had notice of its statutory obligations to do so.

- 46. Section 5674 of the TSAA provides that a tobacco product manufacturer that commits two (2) knowing violations is to be prohibited from selling cigarettes to consumers in the Commonwealth for up to two (2) years. Each year that the tobacco product manufacturer fails to comply with the TSAA constitutes a separate offense. See 35 P.S. \$5674(c)(3).
- 47. Robert Gordon's knowing refusal to abide by its TSAA obligations for three (3) consecutive years constitutes three separate offenses and therefore the sale of its tobacco products in Pennsylvania should be enjoined for three years.

WHEREFORE, the Commonwealth prays that:

- a. the Court find and declare that Robert Gordon committed three (3) knowing violations of the TSAA;
- b. the Court enter an Order prohibiting Robert Gordon from selling cigarettes through the stream of commerce to consumers in Pennsylvania for a period of three (3) years;
- c. the Court enter an Order granting the Commonwealth the right to confiscate and destroy any and all of Robert Gordon's tobacco products offered for sale in Pennsylvania for a period of three (3) years;
- d. the Court enter an Order directing Robert Gordon to give written notice to all distributors, agents and sellers of Robert Gordon's tobacco products that for three (3) years, Robert Gordon's products may not be offered for sale in Pennsylvania;

- e. the Commonwealth be awarded costs and attorney fees, including costs incurred by the Commonwealth to enforce the provisions of the Order; and
- f. the Court grant such other and further relief as it believes just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE FISHER
Attorney General

BY:

Office of Attorney General 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Tobacco Enforcement Section Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 783-1794

Date: 4/11/03

TIMOTHY P. KEATING
Deputy Attorney General

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JOEL M. RESSLER

Chief Deputy Attorney General Chief, Tobacco Enforcement Section Attorney ID #28625

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VERIFICATION

Kenneth W. Bateman states that he is a Special Investigator for the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Enforcement Section, that he has been authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Commonwealth, and that the statements set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

These statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: (,////,;

KENNETH W. BATEMAN



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL June 11, 2001

MIKE FISHER ATTORNEY GENERAL Tobacco Enforcement Section 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 783-1794 Facsimile (717) 705-0916

Robert A. Gordon Company 4003 Maple Grove Road Stillwater, PA 17878

To whom it may concern:

As we previously notified most of you by letter dated January 12, 2001, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires Tobacco Products Manufacturers selling cigarettes to consumers directly or through importers, distributors or retailers in Pennsylvania to either 1) become a party to the Master Settlement Agreement between numerous states and numerous tobacco companies or 2) create escrow accounts by April 15, 2001 and make deposits each year thereafter based upon the sales of their cigarettes in the Commonwealth. This letter is to remind you of these requirements and to provide you with revised figures due to an inflation adjustment for those creating escrow funds this year.

For those of you who qualify as Tobacco Products Manufacturers under the Tobacco Settlement Act of 2000 (35 P.S. §\$5671-5675), it will be necessary for you to create an escrow fund to deposit the necessary funds and to file a certification that you have complied with the Act. Enclosed with this letter is a revised form for making the certification tot his office. Please note that the per unit to be escrowed for each unit sold between June 22, 2000 and December 31, 2000 has been adjusted for inflation to \$.011506 per unit. (Units are individual cigarettes sold in Pennsylvania) This figure will be adjusted yearly for inflation and our office will notify you of the per unit figure as soon as we have calculated it for each subsequent year.

When the certification is returned, it should be accompanied by a copy of the escrow agreement and a bank statement verifying that the payment was made. Failure to comply with this law can subject your company to penalties, including fines up to 300% of the amount withheld from escrow and the prohibition of sales of your brands in Pennsylvania.

EXHIBIT A

For those of you who believe that you do not qualify as a Tobacco Product Manufacturer under the Act, it will be necessary for you to provide our office with sufficient information to allow us to determine if your company is exempt. In addition, you must provide us with the names of brands that you deal with or import into the United States along with the name of the manufacturer and first importer in the U.S., if known.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael L. Plumley of the Tobacco Enforcement Section at (717) 783-1794 or at the above address.

Very truly yours,

JOEL M. RESSLER

Chief Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL July 13, 2001

MIKE FISHER ATTORNEY GENERAL Tobacco Enforcement Section 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 783-1794 Facsimile (717) 705-0916

Registered Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Robert A. Gordon Robert A. Gordon Company 4003 Maple Grove Road Stillwater, PA 17878

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Our records indicate that your cigarettes were sold in Pennsylvania in 2000 without your establishing an escrow account as required by Pennsylvania law. (35 P.S. §5671 - 5675). Our office previously notified you of your responsibility to establish an escrow account by letter of June 11, 2001. You must place \$16,957.61 into the account, which is .0111506 for each cigarette (1,520,780) sold in Pennsylvania after June 22, 2000. You are required to certify to this office that you have complied with the statute and send us a copy of the escrow agreement and proof of deposit.

This is a formal demand for you to place the money required into a qualified escrow account within fifteen (15) days of the date you receive this letter. If you fail to do so and provide us with proof of the escrow account, this Office may bring civil suit against you in which civil penalties could be imposed for up to 300 percent of the amount improperly withheld from escrow. You may also be prohibited from selling cigarettes within the state for up to two years.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or your responsibilities under the statute, please contact me at (717) 783-1794.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. PLUMLEY

Michael Phinley

Senior Deputy Attorney General

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August 17, 2001

Tobacco Enforcement Section 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 783-1794 Facsimile: (717) 705-0916

Robert A. Gordon Robert A. Gordon Company 4003 Maple Grove Road Stillwater, PA 17878

Re: Compliance with Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act of 2000

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Since our telephone conversation last month, this office still has not received either an escrow agreement and proof of deposit or notification that you will be joining the Master Settlement Agreement. Please notify us of what steps you have taken to resolve this matter within ten (10) days of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive a response from your company we will be forced to take further action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL L. PLUMLEY

Senior Deputy Attorney General

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September 4, 2001

Tobacco Enforcement Section 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 783-1794 Facsimile: (717) 705-0916

Robert A. Gordon Robert A. Gordon Company 4003 Maple Grove Road Stillwater, PA 17878

Re: Compliance with Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act of 2000

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I have received your letter of August 21, 2001 regarding your company's escrow account. We are pleased to hear that you are setting up an escrow account. However, the escrow was required to be established by April 15, 2001 for sales in the year 2000 (between June 22 and December 31). As we have previously told you, our office could bring a civil action against your company and request a fine of up to 300% of the \$16,957.61 which was improperly withheld from escrow to date. You have asked for additional time to establish the account.

Under the circumstances, we are willing to give your company until November 15, 2001 to fully fund a qualified escrow account for the total amount on the following conditions: (1) At least one third of the total to be put into escrow must be deposited no later than September 30, 2001, with proof of such deposit provided to this office, (2) \$500.00 for the costs of investigation into this matter must be forwarded to our office within 10 days of this letter, and (3) all other provisions of the Tobacco Settlement

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Agreement Act must be complied with and a certification to that effect sent to us by December 1, 2001.

Please notify us whether these terms are acceptable within 10 days of the date of this letter. Your check for our costs should be made payable to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL L. PLUMLEY

Michael Plumley

Senior Deputy Attorney General

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PENNSYLVANIA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT 2001 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Section 1: Company Information	±
1. Name:	
4. Telephone number:	5. Fax number:
6. Electronic mail address:	
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Section 2: Sales Information for the	2000(June 22-December 31, 2000)
7. Units Sold in Pennsylvania:	
Section 3: Escrow Information	
8. Name of Financial Institution:	
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10. Telephone Number:	11. Fax Number:
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This completed form must be filed with the Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Enforcement Section, 15th Floor, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120. It must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2001.

PENNSYLVANIA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT 2001 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RECEIVED

Section 1: Company Information	OCT 0 5 2001
Name: ROBERT A. GORDON CIGARETTE Street address: 4005 MAPLE GROVE ROAD	COMPANY Office of Attorney General Totalization Enforcement Suction
3. City, State, Country, ZIP: STILLWATER, PA C	OLUMBIA 17878
4. Telephone number: (570) 925-2551 5. F	ax number: (570)925- 2844
6. Electronic mail address: ragordon@hotmail	·COM
Section 2: Sales Information for the 2000(June 22-Dec	ember 31, 2000)
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Section 3: Escrow Information	
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9. Address of Financial Institution: PO Box 8604	
Boston, MA 022	266-8604
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13. Amount deposited: \$8,000.00	
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Under penalties of perjury, the undersigned authorized ager named above is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Tobac information contained herein is true and accurate.	nt of the company states that the company sco Settlement Agreement Act and that all
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Signature, authorized agent Date	
ROBERT A. GORDON OWNER	
Printed or Typed Name Title	

This completed form must be filed with the Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Enforcement Section, 15th Floor, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120. It must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2001.

EXHIBIT B

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4003 MAPLE GROVE RD

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LAW OFFICE OF

ELWOOD R. HARDING, JR.

38 WEST THIRD STREET BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17815-1771

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Office of Attorney General Tobacco Enforcement Section

Kenneth W. Bateman, Esquire Special Investigator Office of Attorney General Tobacco Enforcement Section 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120

> RE: Robert A. Gordon Our File No. 3855(02)

Dear Mr. Bateman:

This will confirm that Robert A. Gordon Company has discontinued the marketing of cigarettes in Pennsylvania. Enclosed is a copy of September, 2001, correspondence from Can-Am Distributors instructing Robert A. Gordon Company to cease marketing its brands in Pennsylvania.

Because Robert A. Gordon Company did not receive notice of the implementation of the escrow fund until after it had marketed the cigarettes, it is not in a position to participate in the Pennsylvania escrow fund. It has therefore determined to cease all cigarette sales in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely.

Elwood R. Harding, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Robert A. Gordon

EXHIBIT C



MIKE FISHER ATTORNEY GENERAL March 28, 2002

Tobacco Enforcement Section Strawberry Square, 15th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120 Phone: (717) 783-1794

Fax: (717) 705-0916

Certified Mail #P 518046026

Robert A. Gordon 4003 Maple Grove Road Stillwater, PA 17878

To whom it may concern:

As you were previously informed by this office, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act (TSAA) in June of 2000. This statute requires certain tobacco product manufacturers and importers to either 1) become a party to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) or 2) create and fund a qualified escrow account based upon the sales of their cigarettes in the Commonwealth.

The Department of Revenue has informed us that brands of your company's cigarettes were sold in Pennsylvania during both 2000 and 2001. Accordingly, we have determined that you qualify as a tobacco product manufacturer under the Act. Our records indicate that you have failed to establish an escrow account nor made the appropriate deposit for year 2000 sales. The amount to be escrowed for each cigarette sold between June 22, 2000 and December 31, 2000 is \$.0111506. Please establish a qualified escrow account and immediately make the appropriate deposits for 2000 sales.

The amount to be escrowed for each cigarette sold between January 1, 2001 and December 1, 2001 is \$.0149306. Please calculate the required escrow amount due for 2001 sales and fully fund your escrow account by April 15, 2002.

Failure to comply with the TSAA can subject your company to penalties, including fines of up to 300% of the amount withheld from escrow. It can also result in the prohibition of sales of your brands in Pennsylvania. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that you come immediately into compliance with the Act.

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Enclosed are blank Pennsylvania certification forms for 2000 & 2001 sales, which are also available on our website at www.attorneygeneral.gov/ppd/tobacco/index.cfm. When you return the completed certifications, please also include your fully executed escrow agreement. If you are interested in a sample escrow agreement which would be acceptable to the Commonwealth, one can be found on our website at www.attorneygeneral.gov/ppd/tobacco/npm.cfm. You will also need to provide us with a copy of the bank statement showing your proof of deposit.

If you believe that you do not qualify as a Tobacco Product Manufacturer, or should you have any questions regarding your obligations under the law, please contact my investigator, Kenneth Bateman.

Sincerely,

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JOEL M. RESSLER Chief Deputy Attorney General Chief, Tobacco Enforcement Section

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2001 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE OF NON-PARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT

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This completed form must be filed with the Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Enforcement Section, 15th Floor, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120. It must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2002.

Section 1: Company Information					
1. Name:					
2. Street Address:					
3. City, State, Country, ZIP:					
4. Telephone Number: 5. Fax	Number:				
6. Electronic Mail Address:					
Section 2. Sales Information for 2001 (January 01 - D	ecember 31, 2001)				
7. Units Sold in Pennsylvania (List amounts by brand):					
BRAND	UNITS SOLD				
A.)					
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Section 3: Escrow Information	
8. Name of Financial Institution:	
9. Address of Financial Institution:	
10. Telephone Number:	11. Fax:
12. Contact Person:	
13. Escrow Account NumberSub-Acct Number (if applicable):	
14. Amount Deposited:	propriate deposit amount per cigarette sold
15. Have you attached proof of deposit verify	ring the amount shown in 14?
YES NO	
16. Have you enclosed a copy of your escrow them previously?	agreement and all amendments, or supplied
YES - Enclosed YES -	- Supplied PreviouslyNO
Section 4: Certification	
Under penalties of perjury, the undersign states that the company named above is Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act and true and accurate.	gned authorized agent of the company in compliance with the Pennsylvania I that all information contained herein is
Signature, Authorized Agent	Date
Printed or Typed Name	Title
Page 2 of 2 pages	

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Instructions Regarding Completion of the 2001 Certificate of Compliance of Non-participating Manufacturer and Escrow Payment General Information (2001 Sales)

Who is required to file this certificate?

Any cigarette manufacturer:

- who sells cigarettes to consumers within the state of Pennsylvania (whether directly or through any distributor, retailer, or similar intermediary); and
- who has not become a participating manufacturer under the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement executed on November 23, 1998 between 46 U.S. states and certain tobacco companies.

What is the definition of a cigarette manufacturer?

A cigarette manufacturer is:

- any entity that manufactures cigarettes anywhere that such manufacturer intends to sell in the United States, including cigarettes that are intended to be sold in the United States through an importer;
- the first purchaser for resale in the United States of cigarettes manufactured that the actual manufacturer does not intend to be sold in the United States; or
- a successor of any entity described above.

Is anything required in addition to filing this certificate?

YES – If you are required to file a certificate of compliance, you must also establish a qualified escrow account and deposit the prescribed escrow payment into that account. For 2001 sales, the required amount is \$.0149306 per cigarette.

What is a qualified escrow account?

A qualified escrow account is an arrangement with a qualified financial institution which:

- (1) requires the financial institution to hold the escrowed fund's principal for the benefit of Pennsylvania for up to 25 years to satisfy judgments or settlements obtained by Pennsylvania; and
- (2) prohibits you from using, accessing, or directing the use of the fund's principal during such period.

What is a qualified financial institution?

A Federally or state chartered financial institution having no affiliation with any tobacco product manufacturer and having assets of at least \$1,000,000,000 (one billion).

When must I make my escrow payment?

You must deposit all escrow payments into your qualified escrow account on or before April 15, 2002.

When is this certificate due?

This completed certificate must be mailed to the Office of Attorney General, postmarked no later than April 15, 2002.

Where do I send my completed certificate?

Mail your completed certificate, proof of deposit and escrow agreement (if not supplied previously or if amended since) to:

Tobacco Enforcement Section Office of Attorney General 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 Attention: Joel M. Ressler

Specific Instructions

Section 1: Manufacturer's Identification

Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Write your name, address, telephone and fax number and electronic mail address.

Section 2: Units Sold

Line 7 - Write the number of individual cigarettes sold during 2001 bearing Pennsylvania cigarette tax stamps. Individual lines are provided for amounts per brand. Please include the name of the brand and the amount on a separate line where indicated.

Section 3: Deposit Amount

Lines 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 - Write the name, address, telephone and fax numbers and contact person of the financial institution where the escrow is held.

Line 13 - Write your escrow account number and subaccount number, if applicable, in the space provided.

Line 14 - Multiply the total units sold by the calculation rate (in italics) and write this amount. This should equal the total amount placed in escrow for the benefit of Pennsylvania for 2001 sales.

Section 4: Signature

An authorized agent of the company must sign and date this certificate.

PENNSYLVANIA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACT 2000 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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1. Name:	
2. Street address:	
- 3 City State Country ZIP:	
	5. Fax number:
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Section 2: Sales Information for t	he Year 2000
7. Units Sold in Pennsylvania:	
Section 3: Escrow Information	
8. Name of Financial Institution:	
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10. Telephone Number:	11. Fax Number:
12. Account Number:	
13. Amount deposited:	
The following rates shall be u	sed to calculate deposit amounts for each cigarette sold in
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From June 22, 2000 to Decen	nber 31, 2000 \$.0111506
14. Have you attached a copy of a bar	nk statement verifying the amount shown in line 13?
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ACCOUNT CONFIRMATION 05/24/2002

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WORLD-CLASS INVESTMENT MANAGER

CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH 5002 LENKER ST STE 200 MECHANICSBURG PA 17050-2440

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania' Office of Attorney General Tobacco Enforcement Section 15th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120

Att: Michael Plumley

As you can see we have deposited another \$8,000.00 into the account. We will be depositing more in the future. Any questions please call. Hope this is satisfactory to you.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 20, 2003

MIKE FISHER ATTORNEY GENERAL Tobacco Enforcement Section Strawberry Square, 15th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120 Phone: (717) 783-1794 Fax: (717) 705-0916

Via Certified Mail

Robert A Gordon Tobacco Co. 4003 Maple Grove Rd. Stillwater, PA 17878

To whom it may concern:

As you may be aware, your company has been identified as a tobacco manufacturer required to escrow funds for the sale of cigarettes in Pennsylvania in 2002 pursuant to the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act (the "TSAA"), 35 P.S. §§5671 et. seq.

The Department of Revenue has informed us that 330,000 of your company's cigarettes were sold in Pennsylvania last year. Applying the amount to be escrowed for each cigarette pursuant to the TSAA (\$.0153785) this equates to an escrow liability of \$5,074.91.

Once this amount is escrowed you must complete and submit to this office a certificate of compliance accompanied by proof of the escrow deposit on or before April 15, 2002. If this office does not already have a copy of the escrow agreement, this too must accompany the certificate of compliance and proof of escrowed funds.

Failure to comply with the TSAA can subject your company to penalties, including fines of up to 300% of the amount withheld from escrow and the prohibition of sales of your products in Pennsylvania. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that you meet the April 15, 2003 deadline.

Please be advised that the submission of a completed certificate of compliance does not act as a waiver of any enforcement rights that the Commonwealth has under the TSAA.

Robert A Gordon Tobacco Page 2

If you have any questions or concerns about your legal obligations under the TSAA please feel free to contact Mr. Kenneth Bateman (an investigator with this office) in writing, at the above address.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY P. KEATING Deputy Attorney General

Tobacco Enforcement Section

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SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
 Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 	A Signature Agent Addressee B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery 3-25-03
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